

## Minister of Agriculture Investigates Milk Problem

**Finds Conflict of Ideas—Solution Not Forthcoming Until Essential Data is Gathered—Money Guaranteed on Cream Shipments to Vanderhoof**

As a result of the visit of Hon. E. D. Barrow and Col. Latta to the district, the farmers will have to ship cream to Vanderhoof and look out for their own markets for the present. The minister has, however, instructed D. D. Munro, to gather certain information which will enable the minister and the farmers to decide upon the best method of marketing milk.

The minister of agriculture arrived in Smithers last Sunday with Col. Latta, of the Land Settlement Board, and was joined Dr. H. C. Wrinch, M.L.A., on Monday. Meetings were held at Round Lake, Telkwa, Driftwood Creek, Smithers, and at points further east, and all were well attended, keenest interest being shown in the subjects discussed. There were many opinions, but from them all it is hoped to work out a satisfactory solution.

### Driftwood Meeting

The first speaker was Dr. H. C. Wrinch, member for Skeena. He expressed great pleasure in finding so many present to consider the problems before the farming community. It showed a decided interest in the basic industry of the province, and he hoped that before the meeting was over there would be a better understanding of what the people could and should expect the government of the province to do. He felt that the first need of the country was a population with faith in the country. This we have, and he hoped it would be rapidly increased. The second necessity was a unity of opinion of the people in the country, and that was the chief reason for this meeting with Hon. Mr. Barrow, who consented last fall to come into the district to discuss with the people the problems that confront them. The great idea of the government, he said, is to assist the people to solve the problems themselves, and in extreme cases to assist in material as well as in an advisory capacity.

The Doctor stated that he had been learning of a number of things successfully produced in the Valley that he did not know about previously, and he had personally decided to buy all his supplies from the farmers of the district and also to do his utmost to induce other consumers to do likewise.

Hon. E. D. Barrow hesitated somewhat as to how to start, but pointed out that Dr. Wrinch had been very energetic on behalf of the farmers of his district, especi-

ally in regard to marketing. He felt that the farmers should have some place to market dairy products, whether it was a creamery, a cheese factory, or direct shipments of milk and cream to Prince Rupert. He admitted that from the very early days the northern interior was recognized as a good dairy- and mixed-farming country.

The government, he said, had in cases assisted the farmers in finding a market for their products, but history had shown that unless the people heartily co-operated with the government in these enterprises there was no hope of success. In the past the government had made several unsuccessful attempts to relieve the farmers, and now the question was what was the best way to meet the present situation.

The minister referred to the Vanderhoof creamery, for which the government had provided the equipment and paid the operator and incidental expenses the first year, after which it had passed into the hands of the farmers themselves. It was a failure. Now, he said, the government was being severely criticised for not keeping a very close supervision over that business. Those people beat themselves. They appointed their own auditor, and it was a matter for the stockholders to see that their affairs were properly handled. Many things done at Vanderhoof had been contrary to the advice of the government. He declared he would see that the Vanderhoof creamery was operated in future and that the government would see that the shippers of cream received their money.

He did not favor the establishment of another creamery, nor of a cheese factory. It would first have to be made certain that there were enough cows in the district to keep the factory going at a profit. He did not favor a creamery being established at Prince Rupert at present, for the same reason, and also because he could not see why the government should enter into that business, especially when a loss was assured, and also because there was the additional disadvantage of butting into private business.

The main thing the government could do, Mr. Barrow stated, was to ascertain how many between Burns Lake and Terrace would enter into a co-operative movement to establish a milk depot at Prince Rupert and how many would subscribe to stock in

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## Congregations Marked Union Consummation

At New Hazelton on Tuesday evening and at Hazelton on Wednesday evening, very successful meetings were held to celebrate the consummation of the union of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches which came into effect on June 10. Addresses on the last Methodist Conference and Church Union were given by the delegates, Mrs. R. Tomlinson and Rev. A. C. Pound. The former also gave a very impressive recitation. At New Hazelton Jean Burns sang a solo and all enjoyed the social hour provided by the Ladies' Aid. At Hazelton Mrs. MacKay rendered a solo which was greatly enjoyed.

Negotiations have been carried on for twenty years by the three churches. Basis of union was mutually agreed upon, laws were carefully drawn up and finally passed at Ottawa and by most of the provincial parliaments, to take effect on June 10, 1925. This is the most important date in the history of the negotiating churches that any Canadian shall see in this generation. Since it is the first time in the history of the world that these different organizations have ever united together, Canada leads the world.

The new United Church of Canada will include approximately 26 per cent. of the population, will have 8000 churches and preaching places with property valued at \$70,000,000, and about 726,000 communicants.

## John Neidhart Called by Death

John Neidhart, of Remo, passed away at the Hazelton Hospital on Saturday morning at the age of 65 years. He was buried at the Hazelton cemetery on Monday morning. The deceased was one of the earliest settlers along the Skeena river, and specialized in the culture of strawberries, with the result that his berries were unbeatable for size, quality and general appearance. The old man had not been well for a long time. Just a year ago he was in the hospital for a time, and this spring his old trouble returned. He was admitted to the Hospital on May 27, and for a time it was thought he would pull through.

The first United Church service will take place in New Hazelton on Sunday morning and in Hazelton in the evening, when Church Union will form the subject of the address. A communion service will follow each regular service.

## Veteran Found Dead in Lonely Northern Cabin

Word was received last week-end that Charles Kinder had been found dead in Dead Man's Cabin, about seventy miles north of Groundhog Mountain, and near the junction of the Spa-tsa-zi and one of its tributaries, by Mawhinney and Smith, of Terrace, who left Hazelton for the Dease Lake country some weeks ago.

Kinder was a prospector who had heard the cock-and-bull story of a lost gold mine in that district. This mine was supposed to have been discovered in 1898 by some of those travelling to the Yukon, but who all perished in Dead Man's Cabin and at the mine, nor has any trace of it ever been discovered since. Several oldtimers of Hazelton fell for the same story, but they came home before it was too late.

Kinder went into that country first in 1923, and was accompanied by his son. In the spring of 1924 the old man went in again, alone, and stayed in.

When Mawhinney and Smith left Hazelton, Constable Cline asked them to be on the lookout for Kinder, LeClair and other old prospectors who are known to have gone in, but who have not been heard of for some time.

The late Charles Kinder leaves a wife and a son, Harold, at Lillooet, and the police department communicated with them immediately.

### Infant Passed Away

The infant daughter of Mr. R. J. Morrison and the late Mrs. Morrison passed away on Saturday morning. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harris, where a brief service was conducted by Rev. A. N. C. Pound, who also officiated at the graveside. The members of the C.G.I.T. acted as pall-bearers. Interment was made in the Hazelton cemetery, and the last rites were attended by a number of friends of the sorrowing father, to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

### Terrace Notes

W. H. Frevel, of Calgary district, spent a few days this week looking over his land holdings in this vicinity and meeting oldtime friends.

S. F. Mills, who was recently appointed delegate to the Grand Lodge session of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows from Lakelse Lodge, left on Friday for Revelstoke, to be present at the opening of the session on June 10.

Mrs. T. McCubbin and Mrs. Sessions, of Pacific, were visitors in town this week.

## Couple Charged With Theft From Hotel Bed-room

A man who some time ago drove a truck for one of the mining companies working on Hudson Bay Mountain blew into Hazelton from Prince Rupert on Thursday evening of last week with a lady friend. They stopped at the hotel. On Friday evening, around six or seven o'clock, when Chas. Frederickson, a well-known local man, was taking a late afternoon nap, the lady is supposed to have entered his room and relieved him of his roll, consisting of \$260, all in twenty-dollar bills. The couple then departed by the evening train for the east, but, unfortunately for them, Frederickson woke up too soon and discovered his loss, also the departure of his too intimate friends. Constable Cline was notified and wired to the police at Smithers. There the couple was invited to spend the night as Constable Service's guests, to face a police court charge. When they were searched at Smithers twelve of the twenty-dollar bills were found in the man's hat-band. The other bill had apparently been used in buying tickets, paying taxi fare, etc. They appeared for hearing before Magistrate Hoskins on Tuesday, and were committed for trial.

### OVERHEARD AROUND NEW HAZELTON

Clarance Corless, of Francois Lake, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weaver this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodenough, of Smithers, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Senkpiel.

A number from here will attend the Rose Dance at Hazelton this evening.

Some extra good catches of spring salmon are being made by the Indians at Hagwilget canyon, and a good supply is being put away for next winter's feasting.

The pole loaders at the depot are not making much headway in cleaning up the yard. The teamsters are hauling in about as fast as the railway is hauling out.

The westbound passenger train was delayed by caterpillars east of Endako for an hour on Sunday morning. The pest is getting pretty serious and steps should be taken in this district to prevent the caterpillars from getting a foothold. Travelling in great armies they clean up the entire crop of greenstuff. No doubt the matter will be brought to the attention of the minister of agriculture while he is in the district.

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For the year 1924 .....	48,704,604

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The Honourable The Minister of Mines  
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Equalization of freight rates between the east and the west has been handed to the Board of Railway Commissioners to work out. The Dominion government passed an order-in-council last week to that effect. The result will be awaited with keen interest in the west, especially in British Columbia. The ordinary consumer will hardly know that a change has been made. The reduction will probably be small in the west with a corresponding increase in the east. The main reductions will be on the long-haul stuff in car- and train-load lots, benefitting mostly the export trade. We cannot see how the revenue of the railways can be reduced, but we can see that, by a juggling around of the rates, the revenue from the Dominion as a whole will be increased without an increase in volume of business. As for a reduction in the cost of living, we do not believe the new freight rates will have any effect.

Word has been received that the Vancouver Board of Trade excursion party will stop overnight at Hazelton. They will arrive from Prince Rupert by special train, and in this way can arrange their schedule to make the extra stop. The more parties that come the better, and it does no harm to entertain the visitors and show them the country.

As time goes by, the fruit growers along the Skeena find that the frosts in the latter part of May did more harm than was anticipated at first, although the frost damage was in spots. Of trees in the same orchard and garden some were affected and some were not. On the whole, the harm was not very serious. The stone fruits suffered the most.

## Goes to Kamloops

Coincident with the appointment of Douglas Lay as resident mining engineer in No. 2 District, Hazelton, comes the announcement that J. D. Galloway, provincial mineralogist, has been appointed acting resident mining engineer for mineral survey district No. 3, with headquarters at Kamloops. This action has been necessitated through the retirement of A. W. Davis on May 1 last, after nearly three years' service with the department. Mr. Davis is undertaking the supervision of a promising mining property at Tahtsa Lake and of promising prospects elsewhere in the province.

## Usk

Skeena's Industrial Centre

J. D. Wells, A. J. Thompson, and J. Darby returned Monday from Prince Rupert, after attending a meeting of the Kitselas Mountain Copper Co., whose new directorate was elected to comprise, besides themselves, F. R. Fortner and E. E. Kaseberg. Important resolutions concerning the future operations of the company's property at Usk were passed, and when present plans are consummated, they will have an important bearing on the progress of the district.

M. R. Pritchett, of Milwaukee, who is interested in the Skeena Lumber Co., is here looking over the resources of the company and other resources of the district. He is returning by way of Prince Rupert.

Miss Thelma Bunn, of Prince Rupert, is the guest of Mrs. Sam Alger.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Portland are leaving for Vancouver Island, where they will make their future home.

C. W. Homer, provincial assessor, Prince Rupert, is giving the town the once-over for the purposes of his department.

## TELKWA TALES

News from the Hub of Bulkley Valley

E. M. Hoops left by car on Wednesday for Ootsa Lake, and expects to be away a week or ten days.

F. B. Chettleburgh returned to Telkwa from Topley with some good samples of ore. He has two men working on his claim.

Jack McNeil left for Prince George on Saturday night on a business trip that will keep him there for several days.

J. P. Wheeler of the Soldier settlement Board, made a trip to Terrace last week and gave his settlers the once-over.

Miss E. Nock, matron of the Telkwa Nursing Home, left for Vancouver on Thursday morning for a six-weeks' holiday.

## Takes Over New Field

Rev. J. B. Gibson, who has been Anglican minister at Anyox for several years, arrived in Smithers on Friday evening from the coast, and will take care of the work of his denomination both in Smithers and Telkwa in future. Rev. J. Snowden Brayfield, formerly of Telkwa, has already moved to Anyox, to take charge at that point.

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OREN F. HILL,  
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There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 18th day of June, 1925, in the office of the Forest Supervisor at Smithers, B. C., the Licence X7050, to cut 180,000 lineal feet of Cedar Poles and Piling on Lot 2389, situated on the South Bank of the Skeena River, west of Skeena Crossing, Cassiar Land District.

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## Discussed Milk

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that movement, towards which the government would subscribe 60 per cent. and the farmers 40 per cent. He had agreed that D. D. Munro, representative of the department, should get busy and gather that data, and that he would do that very soon. Then the minister asked that the local people express their own opinions as to how this business could be handled.

Mr. Barrow then took up the matter of the timothy seed business, which is very suitable to some in this district. The government, he said, was prepared to provide cleaning equipment for this business and could also assist in marketing the seed, adding that seventy-five hundred tons of timothy seed are annually imported into Canada.

He also pointed out that the production of turkeys and other poultry was a profitable sideline for most farmers and that there was a good market in Prince Rupert for these products.

The speaker discouraged going too extensively into the butter and cheese business at present, as the market conditions were not particularly favorable, due to the combination of creameries in Alberta, which control the price of butter and the price paid to the farmer.

Colonel Latta, chairman of the Land Settlement Board, explained just how far his department could go towards assisting in the establishment of a creamery. The Board lends 60 per cent. of the cost and the people must provide the other 40 percent. The people subscribing stock form an organization and must assume full responsibility for the management of the industry, it being entirely up to the people to work for their own interests.

Dr. Wrinch then read the following resolution which had been passed at previous meetings: "Moved by F. M. Dockrill, seconded by J. G. Donaldson, 'That we request the Hon. E. D. Barrow to obtain information as to who are willing to go into the financial part of the industry, and how many cows would be available were a creamery started, and also what the cost of such a creamery would be.' " The motion was endorsed by A. L. Evitt and J. T. McCabe, and was carried.

The committee to consult Mr. Munro was appointed as follows: F. M. Dockrill, J. G. Donaldson, and Geo. Oulton.

The Driftwood meeting also endorsed the above motion.

## Smithers Meeting

At Smithers on Tuesday evening about two dozen business men and farmers gathered around a banquet table to hear the speakers on agricultural matters. Mine Host Orchard had prepared an excellent spread, as usual, and the whole evening was a success and a credit to the Smithers Board of Trade.

Dr. Wrinch made the statement that there were fewer dairy cattle in the Bulkley Valley today than two years ago. If that was the condition, he declared, it was most discreditable to the agricultural interests of the community, but he added that it was very difficult to believe that the author of such a report had not an ulterior motive in spreading false information. Unfortunate indeed was the northern interior if the limited farming population was not able to maintain the few milk cows that it had two years ago. Why discuss further the disposal of the milk products of the interior when it was well known that milk products imported into the interior were now more than double the local production?

In closing Dr. Wrinch extended congratulations to the Smithers Board of Trade in having these functions at such intervals as distinguished visitors came to the district. He also congratulated the Board and the Auto Association on the pamphlets they had issued.

Hon. E. D. Barrow expressed appreciation at being invited to attend the banquet and to address the members of the Smithers District Board of Trade. He held out a good deal of encouragement to the pioneers of the Bulkley Valley. He himself was a pioneer of the southern part of the province, and he stated freely that the people in the Bulkley Valley had no greater, nor as great, problems as the people had in the south, and some of the troubles we were facing today were exactly what he had had to face with other pioneers in the south for twenty years before they finally hit upon a successful system of handling farm products. What information he had gained in the south he was willing to impart to the people of the north in the hope of showing them a short cut to success. He hoped the north would profit by the experience of the south.

Mr. Barrow stated that in his meetings on this trip he had found a great diversity of opinion, and until the farmers themselves threshed out their own views and arrived at something upon which they all agreed, it was impossible for an outsider to come in and help other than offer advice. History had shown that farmers would not get into an association until forced to by dire necessity, and he hoped the people of the Bulkley Valley would prove the exception to the rule.

The minister then outlined the several schemes which had been advanced at the various meetings, but none of them, he found, was anything like acceptable to the majority of the producers. He pointed out that anything which

would approach success would have to have the financial backing of the producers themselves.

He then told of claims that come to the government from every quarter of the province for financial assistance, especially from those sections where farmers specialize. He said the government could not undertake to relieve everyone, but was always willing to assist those prepared to assist themselves through collective effort.

He pointed out that in considering these co-operative movements we must go beyond not only our own district, but beyond our own province even, and consider the possibilities of that market and the systematic handling of the produce to supply that market with a level flow the year round.

All through his address Mr. Barrow referred often to, in fact based his remarks on, the success that had been achieved by the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, and he proved that, without the united efforts and support of the great mass of farmers, no success could be looked for.

As a final shot the minister stated that there was too great a proportion of the population taking profits but producing nothing, a condition which had much to do in accounting for the disparity between the high cost of living and the low receipts of the producer.

## Terrace

The Women's Auxiliary to the Anglican Church held a very successful sale of fancy work and home cooking on Saturday afternoon last. Tea was served during the afternoon and was taken advantage of by a large number of the townspeople. Altogether a substantial sum was realized by the sale of the handiwork produced by the ladies, who are well pleased with the financial return from their labors.

Mrs. W. Noonan, of Telkwa, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mr. F. W. Bohler, Kit-sumkalum.

Humphrey Jones and daughter, Mrs. Weden, of Vancouver, arrived this week to put in the summer developing their mining properties on Maroon Mountain.

J. P. Wheeler, of the Soldier Settlement Board, Telkwa, was a business visitor in Terrace for several days.

Mrs. W. A. Kirkpatrick left this week for her old home in Preston, Ont., where she was summoned on account of the serious illness of her mother.

J. M. Seigfried and F. Phiscator left on Saturday for Prince Rupert on their way to Dease Lake by way of Telegraph Creek.

Jos. Greer, of Prince Rupert, arrived on Friday to spend the week-end with his family, which is holidaying at Hill Farm.

R. E. Allen, of Hanall, and A. Burton, of Vanarsdol, were business visitors this week.

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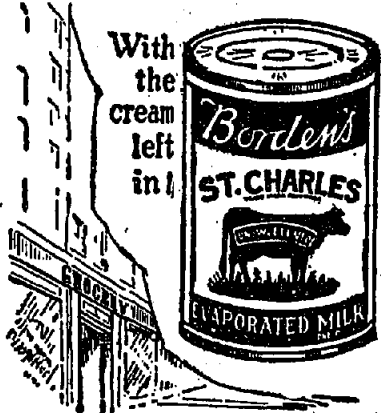
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The Hazelton Hospital issues tickets for any period at 1.50 per month in advance. This rate includes office consultations and medicines, as well as all costs while in the hospital. Tickets are obtainable in Hazelton from the drug store; from T. J. Thorp, Telkwa, or by mail from the medical superintendent at the Hospital.

Are you a subscriber yet?

## HAZELTON NOTES

Good insurance is not cheap; cheap insurance is not good. See Wm. Grant's Agency. 41

C. W. Dawson, accompanied by Roy Smith and Ed. Hall, motored to Smithers on Monday afternoon to attend court as witnesses in the robbery case which was heard on Tuesday.

Bill Baker, of Victoria and Quesnel, an old-timer of this district, has been renewing acquaintances here this week.

A new foundation is being put under the Wm. Holland building, and repairs are being made to the Parsonage. Most of the older buildings in town have reached a point where new foundations are necessary to preserve them.

Wm. S. Day, of Vancouver, was a visitor this week to confer on insurance matters with Wm. Grant's Agency.

Hazelton was all excited last Friday and Saturday, and it began to look like Chicago. Report of finding an old prospector dead, a robbery, an Indian fight, and a lost woman were all contributory causes to the general stir. It all happened at the same time.

L. Mero's father and mother arrived from the East last Saturday morning to visit their son. This is the first time Louis has seen his parents for thirty years. Hard to believe that Louis is that old.

Dr. H. C. Wrinch, M. L. A., left on Monday morning to join Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture, and his party on their rounds of the Bulkley Valley.

Rev. A. C. Pound returned on Saturday morning last after attending the Methodist Conference in Victoria and spending a holiday with his parents at Vernon. He resumed his ministerial duties on Sunday.

The Skeena took on new life last week, and there has been extra good steamboat water ever since.

Re-cribbing the short hill down by Smith's store has turned out to be a bigger job than was anticipated. The road slid in a couple of times. The long hill going to the South Hazelton depot has been widened out on the upper reaches.

The Horticultural Society distributed plants for setting out in the open to members last Thursday afternoon. This was the last distribution this year. The Society also planted the flower garden at the depot on Saturday.

On Saturday morning the police were informed that Miss Gladys

Bullen was missing from her home. She had been seen going towards the cemetery on Friday evening. Search parties were sent out on Saturday morning. An Indian woman saw the missing lady lying in the new ball grounds that morning, and by the time she had reported to another Indian, and so on, it was afternoon when the police heard of it. Miss Bullen was found in an unconscious state and was removed to the hospital for treatment.

## Douglas Lay Is New Resident Mine Engineer

Douglas Lay, a well known mining engineer, has been appointed resident engineer of the mineral survey district No. 2, with headquarters at Hazelton. The appointment was announced last week by Hon. William Sloan, and is made to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of J. D. Galloway to the position of provincial mineralogist last November.

Mr. Lay's technical education was received at the Royal School of Mines, London, England. His practical experience extends over a period of twenty-five years, of which nineteen were spent in British Columbia, and embracing mining, milling and constructional operations connected with various mining properties. His early experience was that of assayer, surveyor, mine foreman, etc., at various properties.

During the war Mr. Lay was connected with the Ministry of Munitions, and was appointed engineer-chemist at H. M. factory, Queen's Ferry, where he remained until after the armistice.

From 1921 to 1923 he was manager of LeRoi No. 2 mine at Rossland, and since then, when the property was sold, he has practiced as a consulting engineer.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Hazelton Hospital.

will hold a

## Rose Dance

in Assembly Hall, Hazelton

**Fri., June 12**

at 9 o'clock p.m.

Good Music

Tickets \$1.00 each

## SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

### PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention, to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emption is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emption are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emption must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

### PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is \$5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land \$2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

### HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

### LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

### GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under Grazing Commissioners. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to head.

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